



RED ROCK CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Date and time: **Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 7:00pm**

Location: Blue Diamond Town Library, 14 Cottonwood Drive, Blue Diamond, NV 89004

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Matthews
Evan Blythin
Pauline van Betten
Laura Glismann – Secretary

POSTING LOCATIONS:

Blue Diamond Library
Blue Diamond Village Market
Blue Diamond Post Office
Kulka Road Mailboxes
Calico Basin Mailboxes

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Trent Billingsley, Chair
Barbara Luke, Vice Chair

CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting, being legally noticed and posted in conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law, was called to order at approximately 7:03 p.m. by Bob Matthews
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was recited

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment heard

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Introduction of Clark County staff and guests: Meggan Holzer, Liaison- Clark County, Michael Weintz, Las Vegas Valley Water District
2. Mr. Blythin made a motion to approve the agenda for the July 1, 2015 meeting, motion passed
3. Mr. Blythin made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 29, 2015 meeting, motion passed.

AGENCY & STAFF REPORTS

1. **Water District** – Michael Weintz passed out information on the well levels. Its currently at 18 ½ feet but they did lower the pump approximately 5 feet which will move the critical level from 20 feet to 25 feet. He explained that they are also looking into talking to the Mine about putting a camera down the other well and lowering the pump there and possibly some coordinated water use. Mr. Blythin expressed concern that lowering the pump only increases the mineral levels in the water and doesn't solve future problems. He feels the grass at the park needs to be converted to Bermuda grass or a desert park so it does not need to be watered. He also feels that the water co-op has not obliged the metering and they have a water leak that is taking more water than the whole village gets from the aquifer. He feels that water district should be on top of this. He is willing to conserve water and feels everyone in the village is willing to conserve. He does not want to end up like California and wait until all the water is gone so he will continue to argue this point in the future. Mr. Blythin explained that the Blue Diamond Recreation Association requested an investigation from the State Water Engineer into the broken meter at the co-op over a year ago. The State determined that the co-op was not complying with regulations and issued the co-op an order to repair the meter; to this date it has not been repaired. Mr. Blythin spoke to

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John Guillory, State Water Engineer, who explained that he is in the process of writing a firmer letter to the co-op, but due to a new leak, it would be delayed and the new leak would be added to the letter. Mr. Blythin feels the water co-op is not viable; he would like the Water District to come in and take it over from Hualapai down and declare a state of emergency. He feels all these people could be served by LVVWD. Ms. van Betten asked if it was a requirement to tie into the water line if you lived within a certain distance from the line; Mr. Weintz said that they may request to tie in but they are not required. Mr. Blythin feels that the State Water Engineer should cut the co-op's line down to 2" which is what their right is. This will force them to negotiate with LVVWD. Mr. Weintz explained that, unlike the Las Vegas Valley which gets its water from Lake Mead, Blue Diamond is solely dependent on rain or precipitation from the Spring Mountains which supplies the underground aquifer every year. Mr. Matthews requested that Mr. Weintz prepare a chart showing mineral content of the water starting around 2004 and every 2 years thereafter, showing as the water depth lowers, how the mineral concentration changes. Mr. Weintz will ask his staff for this. A Blue Diamond resident asked Mr. Weintz about metering the water trucks from the mine. She is concerned with how much water they use. Mr. Weintz will check into this. Mr. Blythin feels that the water going down the co-op line and the water for the park is what is causing the water shortage besides the lack of precipitation that feeds the aquifer. Mr. Weintz feels the leaks in the co-op line are the biggest problem. Mr. Weintz will look into this. Mr. Matthews would like the water report provided today by Mr. Weintz to be part of the minutes.

2. **Metro Officer** – No Report
3. **Town Liaison** – Mr. Matthews asked Ms. Holzer to tell Eric Denman from CC Public Works that the people on Torino are thankful for the sign. A member of the audience requested that the sign taken down by DOT when they re-bladed the road near the mine that said "Gypsum Mine 2 miles ahead" be re-installed. Ms. Holzer will look into this.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PLANNING & ZONING

1. VS-0303-15 – BENGOCHEA FAMILY, LP:

VACATE AND ABANDON a portion of right-of-way being Mariah Way located between Cottonwood Drive and Minderbinder Court and a portion of Minderbinder Court between Mariah Way and Montana Court within Red Rock (description on file). SB/co/ml (For possible action)

Jeremy McCay of McCay Engineering represented the owner. Mr. Blythin moved to approve. Motion passed 3-0

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

No Reports

CORRESPONDENCE

1. BLM Seeks Comment on Changes to 13-Mile Scenic Drive; Open House Scheduled June 30.

Mr. Matthews explained that he did not go to the open house but did read the packet which indicated a road to the sandstone quarry, more bridges, more parking, and it will not disturb a lot of land. Mr.

Blythin said this is not in the management plan and any change in the canyon is supposed to be in the management plan.

2. Mr. Blythin spoke to the State Water Engineer, southern representative, about the leak at the meter and the Engineer will be investigating it with Mr. Matthews the following Tuesday. Mr. Blythin asked Mr. Weintz if LVVWD would also like to be present during the investigation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Blythin requested a crack seal on the roads in the village. Laura Glismann reported that the speed limit sign on Hwy 159, near the mine, has been broken for about 6 months. Ms. Holzer will tell NDOT.

Mr. Matthews requested an action item on the next agenda regarding the process to remove the section of the Red Rock Overlay that excludes 8 specific sections from the density and intensity restrictions.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:54 pm